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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, due for response on or before December 28, 2004. Enclosed please find a request for a two-month extension of time and fee to bring the date for response to February 28, 2005. In view of the following Amendments and Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of the claims pending in this application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims and begin on page 2 of this response; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this response.